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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to urge your strong support for discounted telecommunications discounts that will empower libraries and schools to fulfill their role as universal service providers as authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In passing this legislation, it is clear that Congress recognized the key role of libraries in providing public access to the electronic information infrastructure and to ensure that carriers would provide services to libraries and schools at rates less than those charged to other parties.

If libraries are to provide the public with an expanded range of information opportunities, they must have the capacity for high bandwidth interactive and visual applications. Libraries are responsible and accountable users of technology. They have in the past and will continue to leverage every bit of help. Meaningful discounts to the full range of telecommunication services available commercially will enable libraries to continue and expand their services in communities and in schools. Libraries in low income, rural, and other high cost areas may need special provisions.

I know that you are hearing from many parties about how the Federal Communications Commission and the Joint Board should implement the universal service provisions. I strongly urge you to give serious attention to libraries and the proposals they are making directly and through the American Library Association.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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August 1, 1996
Re: CC Docket 96-45 Universal Service
Dear Commissioner Hundt:

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Sincerely yours,



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July 31, 1996

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Docket 96-45 Universal Service

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you to support discounted telecommunications discounts for schools and libraries. As a small library in a rural community we offer the only access to the Internet and New York State Labor Market Information to many people in the area. At the present time our monthly phone bill averages \$80 with long distance calls accounting for only \$2.50 of the bill. As I'm sure you know, non-profits are charged at the same rate as businesses under the current system.

We are trying to provide the best and most inexpensive service to our patrons and community, discounts on telecommunications services would greatly assist us in that endeavor.

Please take into consideration the requests you receive from schools and libraries regarding implementation of these provisions when making your decision. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Charlotte Garofalo

Charlotte Garofalo
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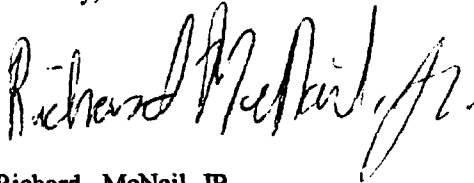
Dear Chairman Hundt (& State Public Utility Commissioner & Members of Congress) :

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Online is a very educational program, but at my school we can not use for to long because of so many people on one machine. Providing deeper discounts to disadvantaged schools helps to give all learners a better chance to compete on an equal footing. No school should be denied entry onto the information superhighway for lack of funds.

I urge you to act upon this historic oppurtunity to bring the world of information to evry school and their students on a lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,



Richard McNail, JR.

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Dear Chairman Hundt,

We write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunication Act earlier this year mandates the development of a ~~rate~~ ^{rate} for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community. We ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. We urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

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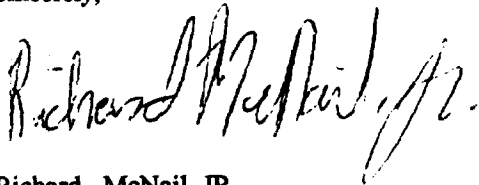
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Dear Chariman Hundt:

I write in support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all school, public and non-public, and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education, public and non-public, or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, I ask you to insure that telecommunication companies provide services to all schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rita Dominick

Ms. Rita Dominick
Principal

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Dover Free Library

P.O. Box 267
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Chairman Hundt:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

RE: CC Docket 96-45, Universal Service

As a representative of rural libraries, I strongly support discounts for libraries and schools as part of the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

At the Dover Free Library in Dover, Vermont, our single online connection has served patrons across the socio-economic spectrum. It has been the first introduction to the Internet for patrons who then establish their own accounts at home. It has also served low- and middle-income citizens without the means to access online services at home. These patrons have researched health issues, career and educational leads, and issue-oriented information leading to greater involvement in civic life.

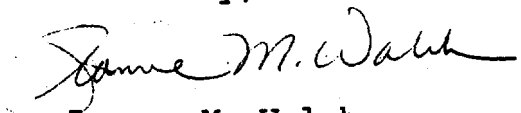
In our community, the public library is the only place where all citizens are welcome to use these new technologies without an out-of-pocket cost. It is also the only place where those with low-level computer skills can receive the instruction they need to become independent researchers in the new high-tech environment.

The Dover Free Library receives better-than-average tax support from its town. Nevertheless, it has been a struggle to establish our single online connection. We have funded the workstation in patchwork fashion, through donations, grants, and local tax support. The town supports our telecommunications line, but that support wavers as costs rise. At current rates, we could not hope to add another line, even if use continues to increase.

I encourage you to support meaningful discounts for libraries and schools, offered in a straightforward, simple manner which does not heap more administrative costs onto our already-struggling institutions. To do so will be a huge step toward information equity for all citizens.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jeanne M. Walsh
Director

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Syosset Central School District

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to you about a matter of serious educational concern. On behalf of the Syosset Central School District, I urge you to support affordable and meaningful discounts for schools and libraries so that information technology can become readily available to students and residents in our community.

The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year requires the development of an E-Rate, special discounted rates for schools and libraries. This will ensure that our district's efforts to integrate technology into all subject areas throughout every grade level will be bolstered. In addition, it will give every child and every adult in our community an equal opportunity to become conversant with advanced telecommunications services and the technology necessary for success in the 21st century.

We urge you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. This is an historic chance to ensure that all Americans are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of our rapidly changing world.

Sincerely yours,

Marilyn Gottlieb

Marilyn Gottlieb
President

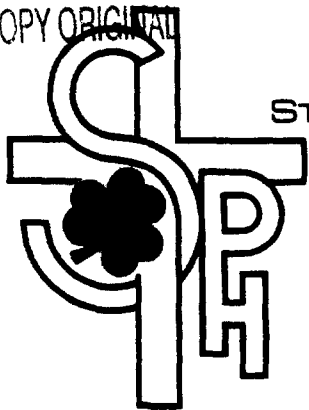
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools, public and non-public, and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education, public and non-public, or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision, I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to all schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

Eric Wagener
Principal

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing to urge you to assure affordable telecommunications rates for public and school libraries as well as public school classrooms, as mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In this age of information it is crucial that we make the information superhighway accessible to all of the public. In order for this to happen, schools and libraries must be able to afford and provide access. Access to and understanding of the Internet's resources are becoming issues of basic literacy in this country and we must work to make this affordable and available to all people. Please determine a meaningful discount or equity rate for these institutions, so that we can move toward reaching the goal of easy access to information for all library users and students.

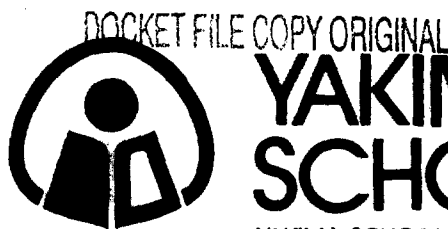
Sincerely,



Dan Richardson
Coney Island Learning Center
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The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of an "e-rate" for education in order to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of communities. We are writing to express our strong support of the development of "e-rates" for schools and libraries. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children can connect with the technology needed to compete in tomorrow's workforce.

Discounted rates could result in an annual savings of \$42,000 for our school district. This would have a significant impact in our ability to maintain existing advanced telecommunications services in our classrooms and libraries. Not only do we need to maintain existing services, but we need the ability to expand those services into each classroom and library. Therefore, it is also important that you ensure that telecommunications companies provide the universal service provision to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

Our schools and libraries need long-term rates that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet our needs. Advanced telecommunications services in our classrooms are needed to create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

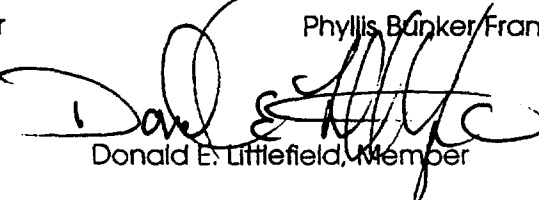
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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1919 M Street NW - Room 814
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CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The North Bellmore Board of Education strongly supports affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and lifelong learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and lifelong learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's work force. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century. Our district is presently piloting TCP-IP networks to support in-building communications. It is our intention to capitalize on the interactive high performance uses of technology such as retrieving information from electronic libraries in order to extend learning beyond classroom walls.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision, we ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classrooms of our schools. Keeping up with the most updated telecommunications systems is a necessity for all schools in order to assure that our children can compete and function in an ever-increasing technological world. However, to do so effectively is highly expensive. Therefore, we urge you to act upon the opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

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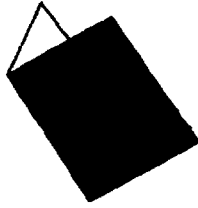
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Hundt,

RE: CC Docket 96-45, Universal Service

I am writing to strongly support meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as the Federal Communications Commission implements the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Libraries have always served as access points to the information people need to actively participate in a democracy as well as for lifelong learning, career development, job searching, and the myriad of other activities needed to pursue daily life. Technology has had a great impact on the information available and how people access it. As a public library in a low-income area, I personally know how expensive it can be for individuals to find and use all the information they need. How can we expect a family struggling to put food on the table to afford the hardware, software, and communication connections necessary to access the Information Superhighway, including invaluable government information?

Libraries can alleviate this problem by providing an access point to the information infrastructure. However, when public libraries are almost entirely funded by property taxes of low income residents, the library itself faces many of the same problems that individuals face. Technology costs money -- for hardware, software, telecommunications, and staffing to assist the public. In addition, our state has imposed a "tax cap" on the property taxes for this area. If we don't want to see the gulf between the "information haves" and "information have-nots" widen dangerously, action must be taken. Equitable discounts on telecommunications rates for libraries and schools would go a long way to alleviate the problem, especially since libraries will require high bandwidth applications to support large numbers of simultaneous users and multi-media graphic capabilities.

As your Commission works on implementation of the Telecommunications Act, I encourage you to remember the need for universal access to information and to act to provide libraries and schools with an equitable discount, administered with a minimum of red tape on the local level.

Sincerely,

Barbara Pfannkuche, Director

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CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to ask your support of a meaningful "E-rate" for services provided to schools by telecommunications companies. As you know, under the recently passed Telecommunications Act, the development of a rate for education was mandated. This was to ensure that schools (and libraries) would have reasonable access to the world of information technology.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision of the Telecommunications Act, I ask your support to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools at significantly discounted rates. All school systems need long-term discounts so that appropriate planning may be accomplished. Such rates will allow all public school students to have access to the technology which their students will need to be successful in the 21st century.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph F. Donovan
Superintendent of Schools

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Re: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Reed Hundt:

I am writing in strong support of significant and affordable discounts for all schools and libraries so students of every age can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year requires that a special rate for education - an "e-rate" - be created to enable education entities to secure affordable technology services.

As the Federal Communication Commission and the federal-state Joint Board implement the universal service provision, I am asking you to take steps to ensure telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

Schools need long term discounts that are affordable and flexible. Those discounts should offer a choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services go beyond the school house door and directly into the classroom, labs, and work stations.

Internet, World Wide Web, and e-mail access was possible only in a very limited way in the Darlington School District because of the costs involved. An interned provider recently began service to this area at an educational rate of \$10 per month and is accessed through the local phone exchange. Also, with the revenue cap in the State of Wisconsin, districts need to have a definite dollar amount for the cost of Internet access for the budgets to work--we are not like a business that can borrow money when it is needed to cover unexpected expenses. Access to telecommunications also is a step forward in equalizing the inequities built into the way education is funded.

There will be countless benefits to connecting our students with technology. They will be more successful students, better workers, and more informed citizens. They will be better able to compete in a world that is becoming increasingly dependent on technology.

This is an important issue. You have important decisions to make. I urge you to act on behalf of all children that will benefit from your actions.

Sincerely,

David Chellevold, Principal
Darlington High School

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, communities with access to advanced telecommunication capabilities will be the pace setters for economic and educational development in the next millennium, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress saw fit to pass legislation creating *The Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996* which insures rural citizens have equal access to advancements and pricing in telecommunications, and

WHEREAS, this legislation sets into place the mechanism for rural communities to achieve a competitive position in economic and educational development with more affluent and strategically located urban areas, and

WHEREAS, *The Act* will enable rural communities opportunities to enhance their development and diversification throughout the global society via telecommunications through the elimination of traditional access problems, and

WHEREAS, *The Act* does not specifically state that institutions of higher education, non-profit regional educational consortiums or health delivery systems shall are included as a Universal Service, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission is soliciting comments and recommendations on Universal Services under the *Act*,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federal Communications Commission is encouraged to add under §254 (h)(B) institutions of higher education and public education consortiums which utilize telecommunications to enhance regional cooperation for educational improvement in rural areas, including them as a Universal Service under *The Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Federal Communications Commission add non-profit rural health delivery providers as a Universal Service under *The Act* in order to insure that rural citizens are provided access to enhanced diagnostic and treatment techniques available via telecommunication activities in order to improve local health care quality at reduced expense, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Future of Southwest Virginia shall transmit this resolution and urge the following individuals to include these recommendations in *The Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996*: The Honorable Frederick C. Boucher, The Honorable John Warner, The Honorable Charles Robb, Mr. Mark Nadel, Ms. Clara Kuehn, Mr. Rafi Mohammed, Mr. Andrew Munitz, Mr. Gary Oddi, Ms. Jeanine Plotonieri, The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, The Honorable Susan Ness, Ms. Deborah Dupont, Mr. William Howden, The Honorable Andrew C. Harrett, Ms. Pamela Szymczak, Mr. Larry Povich, Mr. Jonathan Reel, Mr. Gary Seigel, Mr. Whiting Thayer, and Mr. Alex Bellinfante.

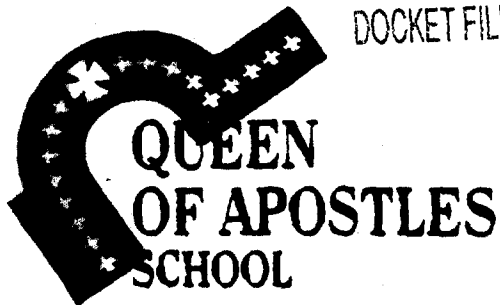
Adopted, this the 2 day of August, 1996.


Chair

ATTEST:


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October, 1996

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commissions
1919 M Street NW, Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools, public and non-public, and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education, public and non-public, or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to all school and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

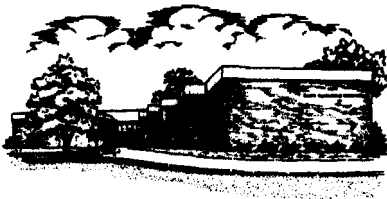
I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Brenda
Principal

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Sir:

I'm writing to urge your strong support for discounted telecommunications discounts that will empower libraries and schools to fulfill their role as universal service providers as authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In passing this legislation, it is clear that Congress recognized the key role of libraries in providing public access to the electronic information infrastructure and to ensure that carriers would provide services to libraries and schools at rates less than those charged to other parties.

If libraries are to provide the public with an expanded range of information opportunities, they must have the capacity for high interactive and visual applications. Meaningful discounts to the full range of telecommunication services available commercially will enable libraries to continue and expand their services to the community.

I know that you are hearing from many parties about how the Federal Communications Commission and the Joint Board should implement the universal service provisions. I strongly urge you to give serious attention to libraries and the proposals they are making directly and through the American Library Association.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter which is of great importance to the libraries and users of this district.

Sincerely,

Silva Lee

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As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision we/I ask you to encusre that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts athat are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each communities needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

Please convey these recommendations to the FCC and tha Federal-State Joint Board. Thank you for your attention to this matter of considerable importance to all schools, classrooms, and libraries.

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Sincerely yours
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RE: Common Carrier Docket #96-45

Dear Commissioner:

I support the passage of the special education rate or E-rate providing schools and libraries with a discounted rate for telecommunications.

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All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable. They also need flexibility in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly to the classroom, lab and workstation.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

Helen Kagan

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

In the development of rules regarding the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and its new Universal Service provisions, please consider the request of the Rialto Unified School District to keep the discounted E-Rate for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Irene M. Newton
Superintendent

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67 Main Street, Randolph, Vermont 05060

6 August 1996

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW Room 814
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Re: CC Docket 96-45 Universal Service

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am the librarian of a medium size (for Vermont) library in a town of 5000 people. I am writing to ask you to support discounted telecommunications charges for libraries and schools. We've been offering public access to the internet for four months and our phone bills have tripled!! If we don't get some relief from the Universal Service bill, we will have to review our open access policy. I feel that it would not be a good thing to limit access because we are the only place in town where people can use the internet.

Please give serious attention to libraries and the proposals they are making.

Thank you,

Sami McRae

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Nancy A. Zenk, Principal

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